

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to Patrick G. Burns in a personal interview with the examiner and his supervisor on August 13, 2003. Claim 1, Glaser et al. and Klimets were discussed, without reaching agreement. Reconsideration is requested in light of the following arguments.

The independent claims have been amended to more clearly recite that synchronization of stream information and storage-type information in the receiver is controlled by the synchronous reproduction control unit, or otherwise through the network (claims 9 and 10). In the preferred embodiment, this is accomplished in the manner shown in Fig. 1. For better understanding of claim 1, the manner in which claim 1 reads on Fig. 1 is shown below.

1. (Currently amended) An information distribution control system (Fig. 1) comprising:

a stream server (10) that is connected to a network (N) and includes a stream information distribution apparatus for distributing a stream information capable of being reproduced in real time, by way of a first network control unit to a receiver (40) through the network, and a first time-information addition control unit which adds a first time information to the stream information;

a storage-type information server (20) that is connected to the network for distributing a storage-type information to the receiver through the network;

a second time-information addition control unit (20 in Fig. 1, p. 21, lines 4-15) which adds a second time information to the storage-type information ; and

a synchronous reproduction control unit (30) that is connected to the network by way of a second network control unit (35) and controls synchronization of the stream information and the storage-type information in the receiver (40) through the network in such a manner as to reproduce the stream information and the storage-type information in temporal synchronism with each other based on the first time information and the second time information.

In contrast, Glaser et al. merely disclose audio control center 120 that interleaves two types of data (Fig. 10). The data is transferred over a line or network 130 to a subscriber PC 110. Synchronization is controlled in the subscriber PC, through the switch controller 1060. There is no control of synchronization by a reproduction control unit that controls the receiver through the network, as in the present invention. Klimets also does not disclose this feature. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if another interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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